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Mr. James Quello  
Interim Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

I am contacting you on behalf of a group of my constituents regarding FCC Docket 92-235.

I have enclosed the letters of a number of my constituents who are model airplane enthusiasts and interested in this issue. I hope that their comments will be included in the official record. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

TIM HOLDEN  
Member of Congress

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(3) Letters attached



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Dear Rep. HODGEN:

I am a hobby retailer who sells many radios, radio-controlled models and related products in my store. In addition, I sell train products, plastic model kits and other related hobby products.

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that has the potential to destroy my business and that of thousands of other retailers nationwide like me. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

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Dear ~~REPRESENTATIVE~~ TIMOTHY HOLDEN

A purposed rule change (NPRM\_PR Docket 92-235) would allocate the placement of additional mobile commercial radio frequencies between those already dedicated to the use of Radio Control Models. The Radio Control Model activity is world wide in scope. Millions of R/C hobbyists in the United States will be affected if the above rule change is passed.

The R/C hobby provides both educational and craft experiences for young and old.

The R/C hobby also provides employment and is a multi-million dollar business.

For the R/C hobby to survive, the radio frequencies it has been allotted must remain secure. Electronic manufacturers have gone to

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Dear REP. HORDEN

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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